

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of BENJAMIN JORDON KINNEY,  
and JASON TYLER KINNEY, Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHANE ALLEN KINNEY,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TAMMARA ELIZABETH RYAN KINNEY,

Respondent.

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June 12, 2007

No. 275971

Muskegon Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 05-033794-NA

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Sawyer and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 351; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Respondent was incarcerated when the children initially entered care. After he was released, his visitation and participation in services was minimal. Even after respondent expressed an interest in pursuing custody of the children, he failed to enroll in anger management or parenting classes as recommended and did not attempt to regularly visit or contact the children, or maintain contact with the caseworker.

Further, there was no evidence of any bond between the children and respondent, and the children did not ask about him or indicate any desire to live with him. The evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best

interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo, supra* at 354-356. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell